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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to first Office Action, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows, without prejudice, wherein underlining identifies added material and strikethroughs identify deleted material:

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~~FIG. 2~~ FIG. 2A is a front perspective view of the body brace shown in FIG. 1, showing the iliac crest belt and body brace of the embodiment of FIG. 1.

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Referring now to the drawings, there is shown in FIGS. 1 and 2 2A a body brace utilizing an adjustable, interlocking, iliac crest constructed according to the teachings of the present invention, the body brace being represented generally by reference numeral 11. In FIG. 3, body brace 11 is shown on a patient P.

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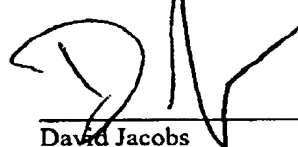
As shown in the detail portions of FIGS. 1 and 2 2A, each of the pressure plates 101, 110 can have molded therein a channel for receiving one hinge plate of the above-described. In turn, each such channel can have two or more holes, of a diameter and spacing equal to those of the holes on the hinge plate (e.g., 0.5 inches on-center), so that screws can be passed through the holes of the pressure plate and into the threaded holes of the hinge plate. Since the hinge plate can also have a plurality of spaced-apart holes on it (e.g., between 5 and 8 holes), it will be appreciated that this feature permits the pressure plate to be slid back and forth along the hinge plate until a selected longitudinal position is obtained, depending upon the size and shape of the patient. Once that position is obtained, the screws can be inserted through the pressure plate and tightened into the hinge plate.

Remarks

The foregoing Amendment corrects the specification to accurately refer to "FIG. 2A" instead of "FIG. 2".

If additional information is required, or should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to immediately contact the undersigned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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